

Reasons of Allowance

**The Status of Claims**

Claims 1-2,5-10,13-61,63,65-66 are pending.

Claims 1-2,5-10,13-61,63,65-66 are allowed.

I. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- The rejection of Claims 1-2, 5-10, 13-61,63, and 65-66 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-61 of U.S. Patent No. 6,849,748 has been withdrawn due to the Terminal Disclaimer filed on 3/13/08.
- The rejection of Claims 1-2, 5-10, 13-61,63, and 65-66 provisionally on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of copending Application No. 11/716,277 has been withdrawn due to the applicants' convincing argument.

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